# KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



# **2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

THE MISSION OF THE KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO PRESERVE THE PEACE, PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, PREVENT CRIME, APPREHEND CRIMINALS, RECOVER LOST AND STOLEN PROPERTY, AND ENFORCE LAWS FAIRLY AND IMPARTIALLY.

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## **STATISTICS AND NUMBERS**

It should be noted that the statistics reflected herein were accurate at the time of compilation. However, the totals are continually changing as cases are solved, cleared, unfounded, etc. Other offenses that have gone unreported are sometimes uncovered in the course of an investigation. We continue to pursue these incidents and add to the records as they develop.



# **CITY OF KINGSPORT**



#### **MAYOR**

John Clark

#### **VICE MAYOR**

Mike McIntire

#### **ALDERMEN**

Michele Mitchell Tommy Olterman Tom Parham

Darrell Duncan Colette George

#### **CITY MANAGER**

Jeff Fleming

#### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

David Quillin

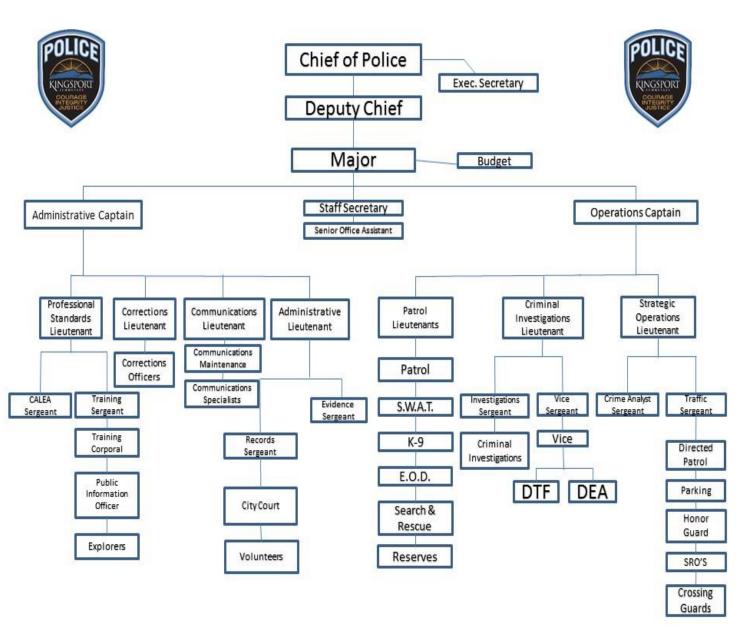
#### **DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE**

Dale Phipps

#### **MAJOR**

Jason Bellamy

# KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART Effective Date: 10/14/2015

## **INTRODUCTION**



Kingsport Police Department, ca. 1950

In 1822 the town of Christianville and the town of Rossville combined to form the incorporated town of Kingsport. The second oldest town in Sullivan County, Kingsport was considered the largest and most influential city in the county. Almost 100 years elapsed before Kingsport officially became a city in March 1917. Until that time, all law enforcement was performed by constables and the Sheriff of Sullivan County. Upon being notified that the City had been chartered, the new governing body appointed George Barger as Chief of Police and three additional officers, W.P. Flora, A.R. Hagy, and Sam Barger, to serve and protect the City of Kingsport. Sullivan County Deputies W.W. Leedy and S.P. Devault were also still assigned to patrol the city.

The City of Kingsport has had 14 Police Chiefs since its charter, the current being Chief David Quillin. Currently the Kingsport Police Department employs 119 sworn officers, eight corrections officers, 23 communications personnel, one city court clerk, four records clerks, and 15 civilians. Additionally, the department and city benefit from the volunteer services of five reserve officers and seven civilian volunteers. The department serves a population of slightly over 53,000 citizens. The city encompasses 53.28 square miles, the majority of which is inside of Sullivan County, with the westernmost edge in Hawkins County. Officers patrol 498.83 miles of streets, which include 25.53 miles of interstates.

The Kingsport Police Department also operates the city's 911 Communications Center. The department is unique in that it is one of the few remaining municipal police departments in the state that operate an in-house city jail. In 1989 the police department moved into the current Justice Center. Shortly after this move, the department was able to achieve a significant goal by obtaining national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Kingsport Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in the East Tennessee region, as well as being only the third agency in the entire State of Tennessee, to achieve this honor.

# **OPERATIONS BUREAU**

-Patrol Division -School Resource Officers

-Honor Guard -Corrections -Traffic Enforcement Unit

-Directed Patrol -S.W.A.T. -K-9

-Bomb Squad -Vice -Parking Enforcement

-School Crossing Guards -Reserve Officers -Search and Rescue

-Crime Analysis

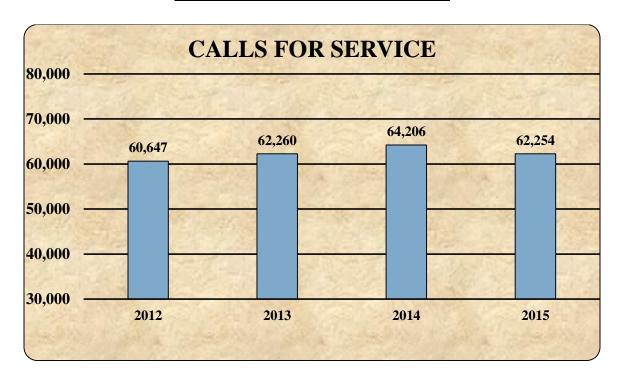
#### **Patrol Division**

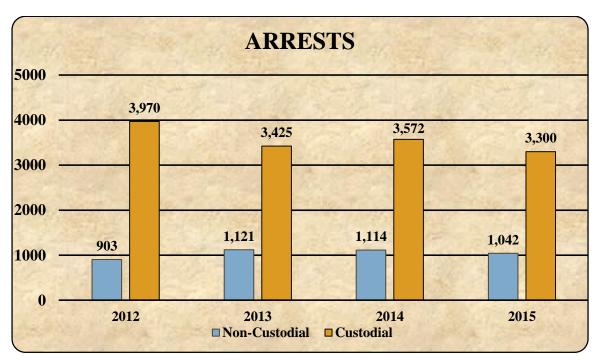


Photo by Johnson City Press

As the backbone of the police department, the Patrol Division is divided into four rotating platoons. These four platoons are responsible for responding to citizens' complaints, handling calls for service, initiating police investigations, and enforcing traffic laws. With additional specialized units supplementing the Patrol Division, the Kingsport Police Department answered 62,254 calls in 2015 compared to 64,206 in 2014. This is a decrease of 1,952 calls or 3%. As a result of these calls and investigations, 4,342 adults and juveniles were either arrested or issued a misdemeanor citation in lieu of arrest.

# **PATROL STATISTICS**

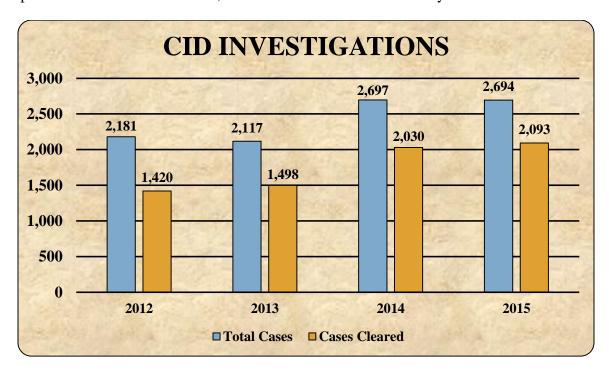




<sup>\*</sup>These numbers combine adult and juvenile arrests.

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.) is responsible for investigating all major crimes in Kingsport. The detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 2,694 cases in 2015. Their work on these cases produced a 77% clearance rate, which is a 2% increase from last year.



#### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

The Kingsport Police Department continues to maintain an excellent working relationship with the Kingsport City Schools. Two officers are dedicated to Dobyns-Bennett High School while one officer each is assigned to John Sevier Middle School and Ross N. Robinson Middle School. For the year 2015 the SROs at Dobyns-Bennett investigated 37 incidents, while the SROs at John Sevier and Robinson investigated 27 and 11 incidents respectively.

While budgeting has not allowed the assignment of individual officers to the rest of the city schools, officers conducted 2,763 school "walk-thrus" at all city schools in 2015, to include the Palmer Center and St. Dominic Catholic School. This averages out to approximately 16 school walk-thrus per school day.

#### **HONOR GUARD**



The Honor Guard proudly represents the police department at parades, local gatherings, and the funerals of fallen police officers, while displaying the flags of the United States, the State of Tennessee and the Kingsport Police Department. The team consists of sworn officers who train monthly in order to perform their duties in a professional manner.

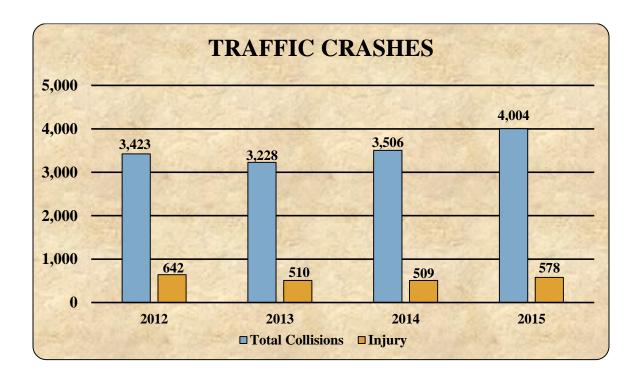
#### **CORRECTIONS**

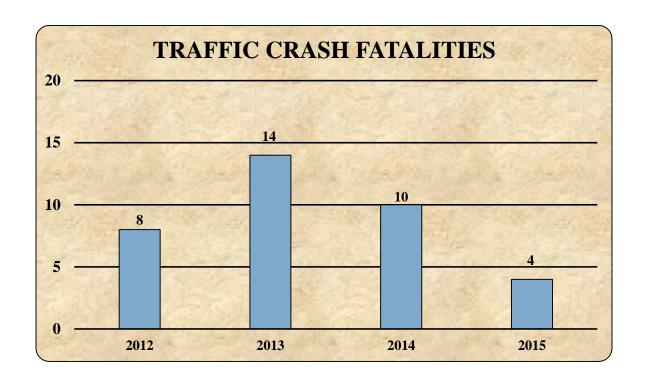
The Kingsport City Jail is classified as a Type II facility by the State of Tennessee, meaning that prisoners are held for 72 hours or less. Correctional Officers are responsible for booking and processing persons arrested by police personnel. Once the prisoner is brought into the jail, the Correctional Officer begins the booking process, which includes a thorough search of the prisoner, securing the prisoner's property, a detailed medical screening, fingerprinting and photographing the prisoner, and securing them in a cell. Once incarcerated, Correctional Officers are responsible for the constant monitoring of the prisoners until they are released or transferred to another holding facility. In 2015, the Kingsport City Jail processed 2,604 physical arrests on 5,104 charges. Jail staff also served over 2,700 meals to prisoners that were incarcerated in our jail. The Kingsport City Jail is a state certified holding facility, falling under the rules and regulations of the Tennessee Corrections Institute. Our jail is inspected annually by a Detention Facilities Specialist from the Tennessee Corrections Institute, ensuring that our facility and staff are meeting the criteria mandated by the state.

#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT

There were 4,004\* traffic crashes investigated by members of the Traffic Unit and Patrol Division. Of those crashes, there were four fatal crashes that resulted in the deaths of five people, as well as injuries to three. There were 578 personal injury crashes that resulted in the injury or potential injury to 815 occupants or pedestrians. Personal injury crashes increased slightly compared to 2014's total of 509. However, 2015 saw a 60% reduction in fatal crashes from 2014 (10). One of the most common ways the Kingsport Police Department attempts to reduce traffic crashes is through diligent traffic enforcement and D.U.I. and seatbelt checkpoints. There were 14,032 citations issued in 2015 (this number includes violations of city ordinance as well as state law), with 51% of those being warning citations. Members of the department also participated in five D.U.I. checkpoints and four seatbelt checkpoints throughout the year. Additionally, as part of a Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant, officers of the department conducted 112 saturation patrols on designated roadways within the city. The focus of these saturation patrols is traffic safety and the reduction of crashes and fatalities through traffic law enforcement.

\*2014 & 2015 figures include minor collisions where damage was \$400 or less.





#### **DIRECTED PATROL**

The Directed Patrol Unit is comprised of a group of officers that are utilized to target what the police department considers "hot spots" of criminal activity. Members of this unit handle everything from juvenile vandalism to serious drug complaints. The Directed Patrol Unit also has the ability to roam from zone to zone due to not being assigned to a specific area. Another benefit is being able to spend more time in different communities to address problems and concerns the residents may perceive. In addition, the officer can help them figure out a solution for the problem.

#### **SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (S.W.A.T.)**



Commonly referred to as the "S.W.A.T. team", 12 members make up this unit to include one medic. Additionally, there are two highly trained hostage negotiators on 24-hour callout that provide a valuable resource to the team. The S.W.A.T. team is activated only under the most extraordinary of circumstances, where the team's specialized training, weapons, and tactics can be utilized. The S.W.A.T. team was activated three times in 2015.

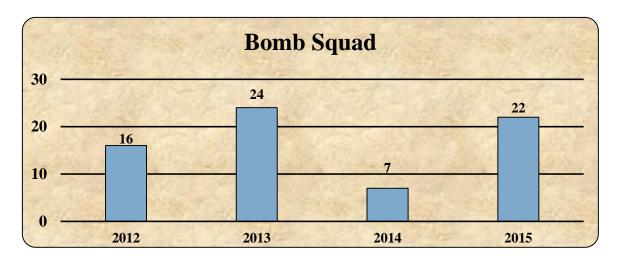
#### **K-9**



The Kingsport Police Department utilizes four canines within its Patrol Division. Three of the canines are Belgian Malinois and one is a German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix. Each of the dogs are dual trained, meaning they are used for tracking, building searches, area searches and apprehensions as part of their first job. They may also be used in the detection of narcotics or explosives as part of their second job. For the year 2015 the K-9 teams were utilized 279 times. These dogs are highly motivated and require motivated handlers. During weekly training, these handlers ensure that the dogs are ready for annual competition trials in order to maintain their certifications as well as to stay abreast of changes in law and tactics.

#### **BOMB SQUAD**

In 2015, the Bomb Squad responded to 22 calls and safely disposed of various explosives. Due to current events, the Bomb Squad also responds to calls of suspicious packages. They are often utilized for mutual aid in assisting other jurisdictions prior to major events. In 2015 the Bomb Squad participated in 10 security details at public venues. Additionally, there was one class taught by members of this unit.



#### **VICE**

The VICE unit handles a number of investigations, including illegal drug sales and surveillance, prescription drug fraud, prostitution, underage alcohol sales, and gambling, among others. The VICE unit spent numerous hours this past year involved in a multi-agency investigation into a main drug supplier to the East Tennessee region. The Vice unit maintains an excellent working relationship with neighboring agencies, the District Attorney's Office, as well as Federal and State agencies, such as ATF, TBI, Homeland Security and the DEA.

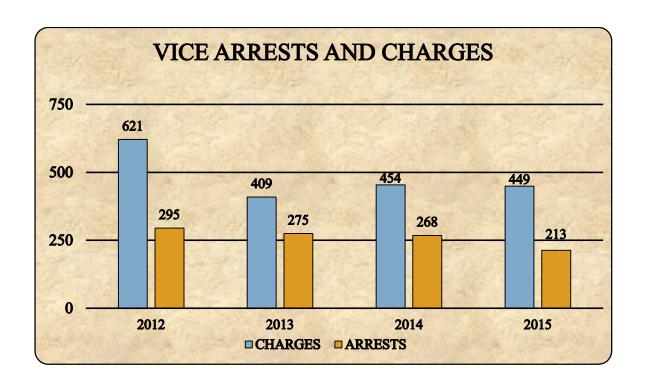
In 2015, the Vice unit seized over \$86,607 in currency, six vehicles valued at an estimated \$22,500, and 29 weapons were seized. The drugs seized by the VICE unit had an estimated street value of over \$271,320. Additionally, there were 313 felony drug charges and 92 misdemeanor charges made for 2015.

#### **HOURS WORKED**

YEAR	2012	2013	2014	<u>2015</u>
SURVEILLANCE	440	359	604	467
ALCOHOL INVESTIGATION	120.5	131	89	29
COURT TIME	615	534	392	283
TRAINING	560	321	208	152
TOTAL HOURS	1,735.5	1,345	1,293	931

#### **ACTIVITIES**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
PAPERS SERVED	50	70	62	23
DRUG BUYS	94	84	98	110
AGENCY ASSISTS	149	224	199	192
BEER INSPECTIONS	62	49	131	92
BEER APPLICATIONS	31	39	29	57
SEARCH WARRANTS	16	14	3	7



#### **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

The Parking Enforcement Officer, along with our citizen volunteers, issued 1,248 citations for illegal parking. These were issued for violations of the various parking ordinances to include handicapped parking violations.

#### SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

There are 12 School Crossing Guard positions allocated to the police department to work at nine different schools. They are responsible for monitoring elementary and middle school students at selected school crosswalk intersections near these schools.

#### **RESERVE OFFICERS**

The police department continues to benefit from the valuable volunteer services of five Reserve Officers. These officers are used as partner officers for full-time police officers and assist at community events, as well as road races and parades. Kingsport's Reserve Officers are required to meet the same standards of training as full-time police officers.

#### SEARCH AND RESCUE

The department's Search and Rescue team is composed of 6 members selected from sworn police officers.

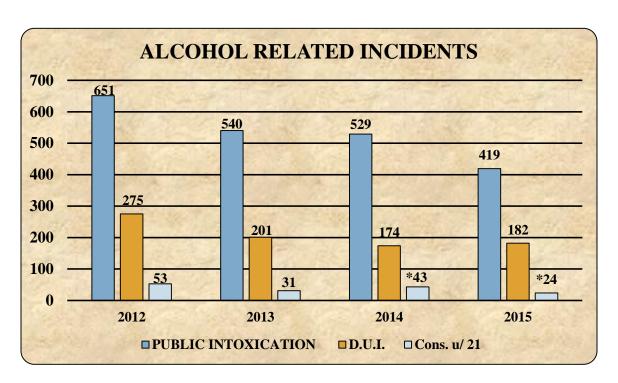
Team members train monthly in visual tracking and compass-assisted land navigation. All have attended and completed a TEMA (Tennessee Emergency Management Agency) certified visual man-tracking school. Along

with the map, compass and walking stick, the team also utilizes Garmin GPS devices and four-wheel drive ATV's to accomplish missions and training. The team also trains with bloodhounds provided by Operations Captain Mike Roark. The Search and Rescue team responds mostly to calls of lost persons, but is also utilized to assist in searching for evidence in fields and wooded areas. The team was activated five times in 2015.

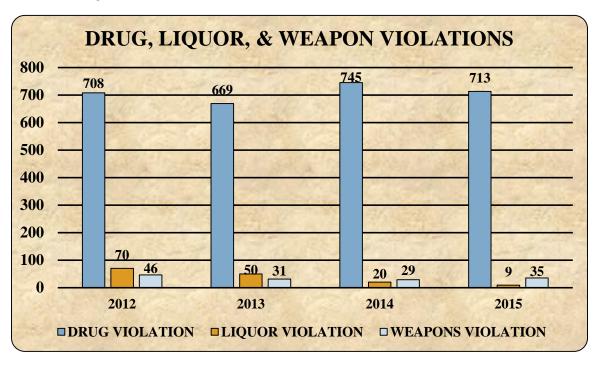
#### **CRIME ANALYSIS**

Crime analysis is an important part of detecting current and developing trends in criminal activity. When patterns are detected, the information can be pushed out to the appropriate division or unit for action. This task requires constant monitoring of data and reports as they come in to see if the resources that have been deployed are being effective. This is crucial when blended with the Compstat (Computerized Statistics) program for police supervision. The Crime Analyst is able to provide supervisors the most current information so decisions and adjustments can be made regarding manpower and resources.

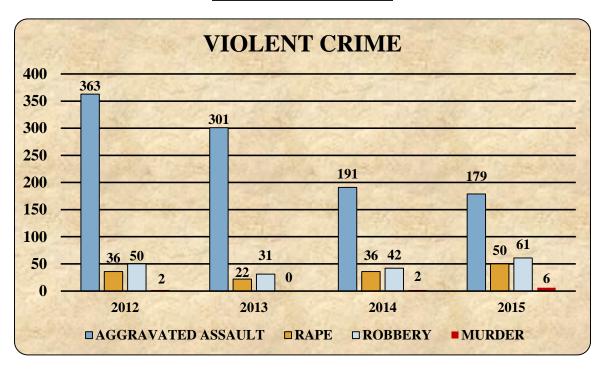
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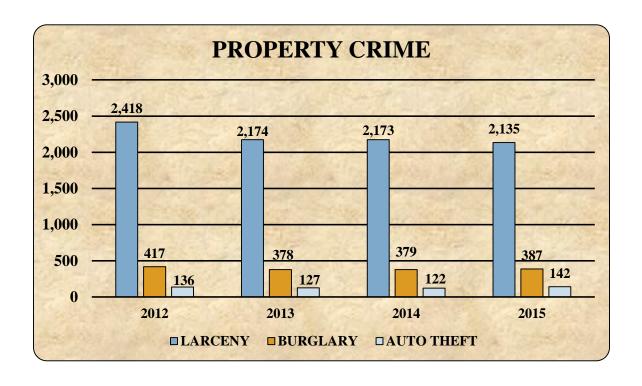


\*Cons. u/ 21 figures contain all u/21 alcohol related offenses.

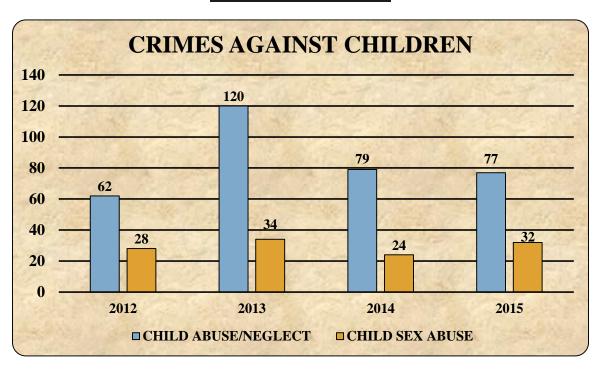


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# **ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU**

It is the responsibility of the Administrative Bureau to provide technical support to all components within the organization of the Kingsport Police Department for orderly and efficient day-to-day functions.

-Records Division -City Court Collections

-Red Light Traffic Enforcement System -Evidence, Property, and Storage Unit

-Professional Standards Unit -Accreditation/Planning and Research

-Training Division -Central Dispatch

-Community Relations & Crime Prevention -Citizens' Academy

-TIBRS Reporting -Volunteer Services

#### **RECORDS DIVISION**

In addition to personnel in the Records Division being the first interaction many citizens have at the police department, this division is also the central repository for nearly all police department generated paperwork. This includes handwritten handicapped parking citations as well as closed major crime investigations. The Records Division is staffed by three full time Records Clerks, one full time Court Clerk, and one full time Receptionist. These clerks continue to ensure reporting accuracy of TIBRS data via validation checks of electronic reports submitted by officers. Additionally, they collect fines for city ordinance and Red Light Camera violations, fulfill citizen's requests for police reports, track all court subpoenas for departmental personnel, and assist patrol officers and detectives when requested.

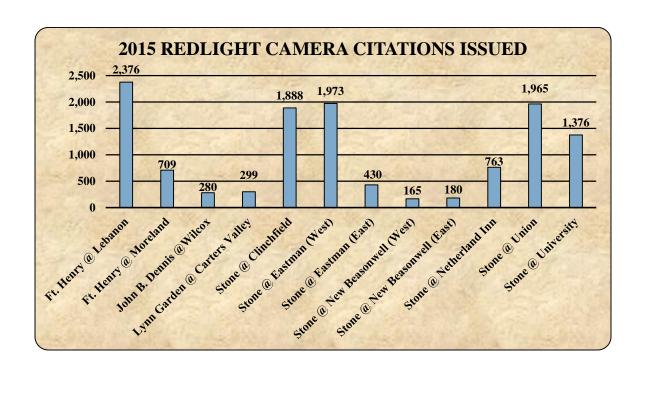
#### **CITY COURT COLLECTIONS**

For 2015, the City Court clerks collected a total of \$764,014.50. These monies were paid to satisfy various traffic fines, Redflex camera enforcement citations, parking fines, and code enforcement fines.



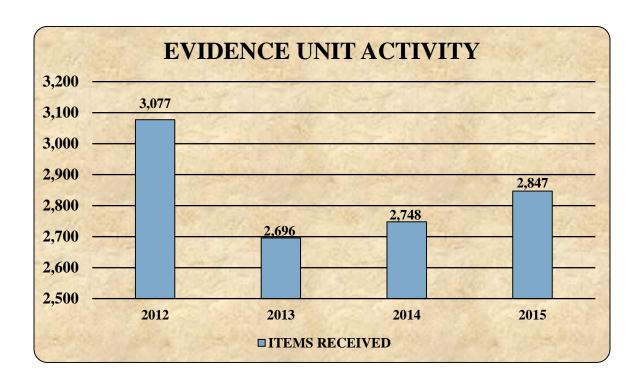
#### **RED LIGHT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM**

The Kingsport Police Department continues to utilize our Red Light Traffic Enforcement System to capture violations at various intersections across the city. The Red Light Traffic Enforcement System is located at ten intersections, where past data has shown a trend of serious crashes. For the year 2015, red light cameras captured 21,548 potential violations. However, factors such as license plate obstruction, sun glare, weather, or the issuing state tag not being identified, eliminated 9,144 citations from consideration. The result was that 12,404 citations were issued to motorists for violations.



#### **EVIDENCE, PROPERTY, AND STORAGE UNIT**

The Evidence/Property Unit is responsible for all items and property that come into the possession of the Kingsport Police Department. The numbers charted below represent items submitted by officers of the Kingsport Police Department.



#### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit conducted five internal affairs investigations involving members of the Kingsport Police Department in 2015. Of these five cases, two were determined to be substantiated, two were unfounded and one was exonerated.

The Kingsport Police Department will continue to hold its employees to a very high standard of professionalism. We consider complaints against our officers to be of a serious nature, not only for the purpose of upholding the standards, but to ensure that the complaints are judiciously investigated. The Kingsport Police Department strives to be a transparent organization.

#### **ACCREDITATION/PLANNING AND RESEARCH**

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) recognizes and certifies the Kingsport Police Department as a nationally accredited law enforcement agency. The Kingsport Police Department was originally accredited through CALEA on March 28, 1992. Since that date, the Kingsport Police Department has worked diligently to maintain the accredited status and has been re-accredited in 1997, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014. The Kingsport Police Department is currently in the process of preparing for the next re-accreditation assessment which will take place in December of 2016.

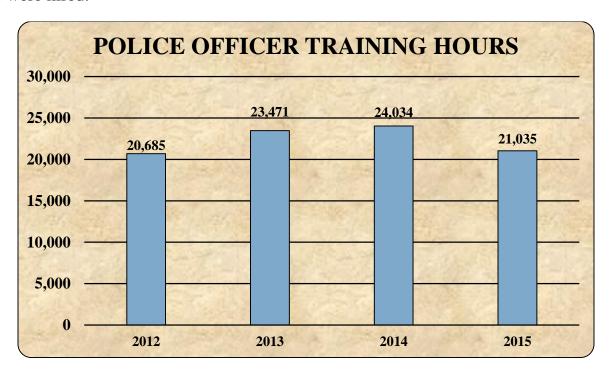
#### TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division is one of the most critical units of the entire police department. The primary responsibility of the officers assigned to this unit is to ensure that all personnel receive the training needed to complete the tasks for their job assignment and/or rank.

Utilizing highly motivated and qualified officers from within the department, the Training Division maintains up-to-date lesson plans to further develop employee skill sets.

State law mandates that police officers receive a minimum number of hours of training per year. Of those hours, some must cover specific topics and some of those topics must cover a set amount of time. Training at the Kingsport Police Department is an on-going and continuous year-round event.

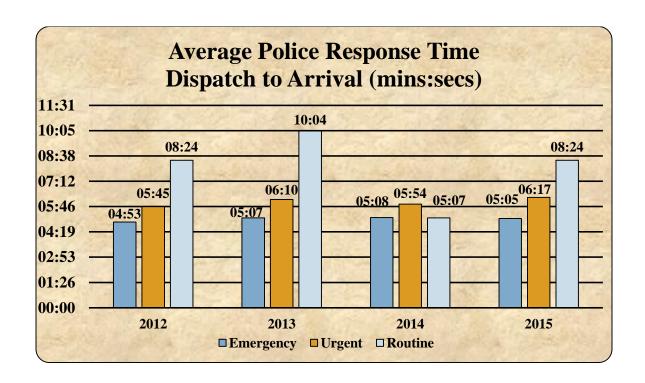
In 2015, there were a total of 273 applicants for police officer. Of that number, 105 applicants showed up and took the written test. There were 45 applicants that passed the written test and moved to the physical agility portion of the testing, while 24 applicants passed the physical agility testing and moved on to the oral board phase of testing. For the year 2015, nine police officers were hired.



#### **CENTRAL DISPATCH**

In 2015, Kingsport Central Dispatch handled 246,709 phone calls. Of those, 44,832 were 9-1-1, while 201,877 were non-emergency; 62,355 calls were police department related; 9,090 were fire department related; and 14,905 were EMS or KLSC related.

Dispatchers also made 128,750 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) entries into the system to document their activities. This is an average of 353 entries per day.



#### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS & CRIME PREVENTION**



The Kingsport Police Department strives to maintain a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the community it serves. The department's Public Information Officer dedicated 284.5 hours during 2015 to face-to-face positive interaction with area residents. There were 156 Community Relations and Crime Prevention programs conducted that reached 17,687 citizens. The department's website, which includes a wealth of useful information and links, received 45,092 visits throughout the year. The Public Information Officer continues to search for new and improved techniques to better inform the citizens of Kingsport. While continuing to make in-person educational appearances, K.P.D. has fully embraced social media as being the single most efficient means of disseminating important information. Throughout 2015, the P.I.O. issued 254 separate News Releases that posted directly to KingsportPDBlog.com. These news releases were then automatically forwarded to the department's 194 blog subscribers, 4,651 Facebook fans, and 520 Twitter followers. The P.I.O. also works with the Criminal Investigations Division to circulate surveillance video footage, collected at numerous crime scenes, to the 294 subscribers of the department's YouTube channel. Thanks to social media, many cases are now being successfully closed that would have previously remained unsolved.

#### **CITIZENS' ACADEMY**



The Citizens' Academy has been a successful outreach and educational program for the police department since 1993. To date, the police department has held 36 academies with a total of 605 graduates. The department held one academy in the fall of 2015. There were 19 graduates of this class. Among the graduates were the City of Kingsport's newly hired Information Technology Director, a member of the Board of Directors of Girls, Inc., three real estate agents, two members of the Board of Directors of South Central Kingsport Community Development, Inc., and two individuals interested in a future career in Law Enforcement. The police department looks forward to continuing the Citizens' Academies into the future.

# **TIBRS REPORTING**

The Kingsport Police Department reported 6,155 Group A offenses to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in 2015, which is two less than 2014 (6,157). For 2015 there were 3,097 cases cleared or 50%, which is a 4% increase over 2014's case clearance rate (46%). For additional information on crime statistics, please contact the T.B.I. at www.tennesseecrimeonline.com.

#### **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

The Volunteer Services Program continues to contribute to the department through:

- 1. Handicapped Parking Enforcement
- 2. Administrative Services
- 3. Traffic Control Services
- 4. Public Relations Assistance
- 5. Special Events

During 2015, volunteers logged 1,253 hours of work with the department and issued 702 handicapped parking violations.

#### **KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2014/2015**

The Kingsport Police Department was approved for a budget of \$11,148,451 for the fiscal year of 2014/2015. The monies approved for this budget were divided amongst eight categories. These categories and funds are:

DIVISION	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	% of Change
PATROL	\$5,546,819	\$5,839,476	\$5,639,356	-3.4%
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,463,539	\$1,406,005	\$1,750,994	2.5%
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	\$1,679,517	\$1,668,270	\$1,646,521	-1.3%
CENTRAL DISPATCH	\$1,086,854	\$1,117,170	\$1,143,571	2.3%
TRAINING	\$282,503	\$316,146	\$300,958	-4.8%
JAIL	\$379,554	\$313,823	\$384,979	22.6%
COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE	\$275,778	\$265,491	\$272,300	2.6%
TRAFFIC SCHOOL	\$7,457	\$8,798	\$9,722	10.5%
TOTALS	\$10,722,021	\$10,935,179	\$11,148,401	1.9%

# **SUMMARY OF BUDGETED POSITIONS**

Budgeted Position for 14/15	Sworn Position	Non-Sworn Position
Administration	10	24
Jail	1	8
Training	3	0
Criminal Investigation Division	20	1
Patrol Division	84	0
<b>Animal Control</b>	0	0
Central Dispatch	1	20
Communication Maintenance	0	3
Totals	119	56

# **RECOGNITION 2015**



## **PROMOTIONS**

Cpl. **Micah Johnston** to Sergeant

Correctional Officer **Charles Ben DeGreen III** to Police Officer

Correctional Officer **Richard Wesley Hite** to Police Officer

Communications Specialist **Christy Swiney** to Communications Shift Leader

#### **RETIREMENTS**

Sgt. Joe Earles
Communications Specialist Penny Ogletree
School Crossing Guard Betty Watson

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

ALL CITY EMERGENCIES AND TDD	911
Central Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	246-9111
Central Dispatch-FAX	224-2594
General Police Information	229-9300
Police Administration	229-9344
Police Administration-FAX	224-2786
Police Chief	229-9423
Deputy Chief of Police	229-9469
Major	229-9437
Watch Commander	229-9438
Criminal Investigation Division	229-9429
Patrol Division	229-9436
Training Division	229-9339
VICE	224-9434
Jail	229-9435
Records/Tickets	229-9427
Records/Tickets-FAX	229-9495
Public Information Officer/Community Relations	229-9433
Communications Manager	229-9358
Communications Maintenance	229-9468

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